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1. ON JULY 30 MINISTER YAMAZAKI CALLED ON ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL. HE BEGAN CONVERSATION BY STATING THAT JAPANESE EMBASSY PHNOM PENH REPORTS REFLECT A BAD SITUATION. HE SOUGHT HUMMEL'S VIEWS AND CONFIRMATION OF USG WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST REMAINING MEMBERS OF JAPANESE EMBASSY IN EVENT OF EVACUATION. HUMMEL REASSURED HIM ON LATTER POINT AND THEN REVIEWED MILITARY AND POLITICAL SITCONFIDENTIAL

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UATIONS PHNOM PENH WITH CONCLUSION THAT PRESENT PICTURE

GENERALLY OVERLY DRAMATIZED BY PRESS. WHILE RECOGNIZING SERIOUSNESS OF SITUATION, HUMMEL POINTED OUT INSURGENTS ALSO TIRED, HAVE BEEN HURT BY CONTINUOUS COMBAT, AND MAIN SUPPLY ROUTES TO PHNOM PENH ARE OPEN. HE STATED THAT FANK HAS SUFFICIENT EQUIPMENT AND THAT WE ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE FOOD, POL AND OTHER STOCKPILES BY AUGUST 15. PRINCIPAL ELEMENTS MISSING TO DATE HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATE FANK LEADERSHIP AND INITIATIVE.

2. YAMAZAKI REFERRED BRIEFLY TO REPORTED PROGRESS IN LAO TALKS AND WONDERED IF THIS CONNECTED WITH CAMBODIAN

SITUATION IN ANY WAY. HE ALSO PROBED FOR INFORMATION ON ALLEGED POSTPONEMENT OF KISSINGER TRIP TO PEKING AND ANY NEGOTIATIONS UNDER WAY. RE FIRST POINT, HE WAS TOLD THAT WE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS PRESENTLY ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN LAO AND CAMBODIAN SITUATIONS BUT THAT WE WOULD OBSERVE LAO DEVELOPMENTS, PARTICULARLY HANOI TROOP WITHDRAWALS, CLOSELY AS INDICATION OF HANOI'S INTENTIONS IN ALL OF INDOCHINA. HUMMEL SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO ADD ANYTHING TO JAPANESE KNOWLEDGE OF KHMER NEGOTIATIONS OF DR. KISSINGER.

3. IN CLOSING, YAMAZAKI INFORMED THE GOJ CONSIDERING OPENING A SORT OF BRANCH OFFICE OF PHNOM PENH EMBASSY IN THAILAND, BY TRANSFER OF SOME PERSONNEL FROM PHNOM PENH. ROGERS

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